

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of transferring information from a content supplier from one or more databases, such information including program(s), audio, still, data files, or video, or combinations thereof to a remote location that uses an authorizing hybrid optical disc that permits the use of such transferred information, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) providing an authorizing hybrid optical disc having a ROM portion and a RAM portion;
 - (b) providing the ROM portion to include a preformed identification signature which is impressed into the ROM portion of the disc and is arranged to be difficult for a pirate to copy;
 - (c) providing the RAM portion which includes user-specific encrypted information which personalizes the optical disc for that specific user and in combination with the ROM preformed identification signature provides a user-personalized secure signature;
 - (d) a content supplier authenticating a user using the user-personalized secure signature so as to permit a user to communicate over a network with the content supplier and the user selecting information desired to be downloaded; and
 - (e) downloading the selected information to the user's memory location for use by the user.
2. The method of claim 1 further including permitting an authenticated user to communicate with the content supplier to transact business with the content supplier.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein a channel is used to communicate with the remote location via a network and wherein the hybrid disc is encoded with the address of the remote location.
4. The method of claim 3 wherein the channel is the Internet.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein the user-personalized secure signature includes payment authorizing information.

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7. The method of claim 6 wherein payment is provided by a transferring a payment number which can be used for transferring a payment amount from a commercial institution that can be for an address to be selected by the holder of the hybrid optical disc.